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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Mario ASSENMACHER et al.

Serial No.: 09/309,199

Filing Date: May 10, 1999

For: DIRECT SELECTION OF ANTIGEN-
SPECIFIC T CELLS, COMPOSITIONS
OBTAINED THEREBY AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Examiner: F. VanderVegt

Group Art Unit: 1644

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 8, 2001 (Paper No. 12), for which a response is due on August 8, 2001. This response is filed within the two months of the issuance of the final Office Action (July 9, 2001 since July 8, 2001 fell on Sunday) and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement along with a Form PTO 1449 and four references.